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FCC notice

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This device generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this device does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the device and receiver
- Connect the device into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help

Notice: Shielded cables

All connections to other computing devices must be made using shielded cables to maintain compliance with FCC regulations.

Notice: Peripheral devices

Only peripherals (input/output devices, terminals, printers, etc.) certified to comply with the Class B limits may be attached to this equipment. Operation with noncertified peripherals is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception.

Use conditions

This part complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Notice: Canadian users

This Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

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Remarque à l’intention des utilisateurs canadiens

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respected toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

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Remark: All the drawings in the Guide are diagrams. About components's quantity and style, substances shall take precedence.

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System Tour

Your computer's front panel consists of the following:

Front panel

No.	Description	No.	Description
1	Optical Drive	2	Floppy Drive
3	7-in-1 Card Reader (Manufacturing Option)	4	Power button
5	Speaker or Headphone Jack	6	Microphone Jack
7	USB Ports		

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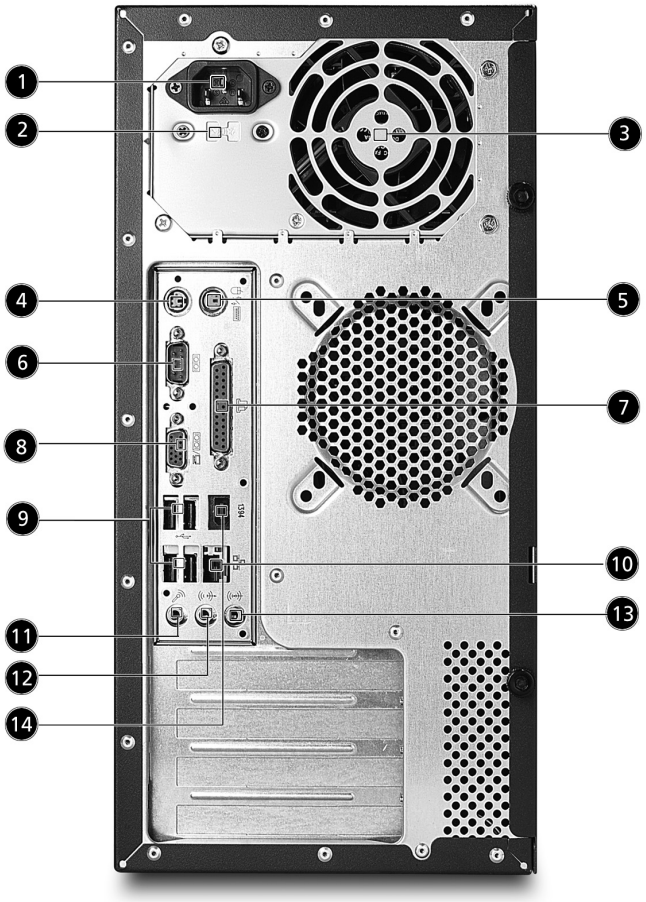
Rear panel



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	Power cord socket	2	Voltage selector switch
3	Fan Aperture	4	PS/2 Keyboard Port
5	PS/2 Mouse Connector	6	Serial Connector
7	Printer Connector	8	Monitor Connector
9	USB Connectors	10	RJ-45 Ethernet Connector
11	Microphone Jack	12	Line-out Jack
13	Line-in Jack	14	IEEE 1394 Port

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System Features

Your computer features:

Performance

- AMD Athlon™ XP CPU
- System Memory DDR 266/333, 2 DIMM Slots, expandable to 2GB
- Power management function
- 3.5 inch floppy drive
- CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, CD-RW (52X/24X), DVD/CD-RW combo or DVD writer
- High-capacity, Enhanced-IDE drive
- Support USB 2.0 high performance peripherals

Multimedia

- 3D quality audio system via onboard audio controller
- Audio-in/Line-in, Audio-out/Line-out, Headphone out and external Microphone in jacks

Note: the system has two Microphone-in Jacks (front and rear) However, you can not use both of them at the same time. By default, you system enables your microphone-in jack in front and disables the one at the back.

Connectivity

- Two PS/2 ports for keyboard and mouse
- One serial port
- One Parallel port
- One VGA port
- Four USB 2.0 ports (two on the front, four on the rear panel)
- High speed V.92, 56K fax/Data modem (optional)
- 10 Base-T/100 Base-TX Ethernet Network

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System peripherals

The Aspire T120 computer consists the system itself, and system peripherals, like a mouse, a keyboard and a set of speakers (optional). This section provides a brief description of basic system peripherals.

Mouse(PS/2 or USB, manufacturing option)

The included mouse is a standard two-button wheel mouse. Connect the mouse to the PS/2 mouse port or USB port on the back panel of the system.

Keyboard(PS/2 or USB, manufacturing option)

Connect the keyboard to the PS/2 keyboard port or USB port on the back panel of the system.

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Speakers

For systems bundled with speakers, before powering on the system, connect the speaker cable to the audio out (external speaker) port on the back panel of the system.

For more detailed information about the speakers, please refer to the included operating instructions.

Note: speakers are optional and the appearance might be different depending on the actual product.

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System upgrade

You can expand your Aspire T120 system quickly and easily by adding components. You can also upgrade the components of your Aspire T120 system.

Open the computer

Before removing any panels or covers, please make sure to shut off the computer and unplug the power cord from the outlet.

- Remove the two screws on the side panel.
- Slide the panel back and off.

Set up new components

You can only use components compatible with Aspire T120 computers. Before you choose new components, please ask your authorized Acer dealer whether the part will operate within your Aspire T120 system.

In order to ensure proper setup and installation, please consult the instructions provided with your new components.

Probable upgrades are:

- Upgrade to High Capacity HDD
- Expand high-level memory
- Upgrade from a CD-ROM drive to CD-RW, DVD-ROM, DVD/CD-RW combo, or DVD writer
- Install additional interface cards in empty PCI slots e.g., PCI fax/modem card

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Setting up your computer

Aspire T120 is a versatile, high-power system, supporting AMD Socket A (462) CPUs. The computer uses Peripheral Component Interface (PCI) and Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) design. This improves system efficiency and helps the system support varied multimedia and software applications.

Your Aspire T120 has standard I/O (Input/Output) interfaces such as a serial port, parallel port, PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports, the system includes four USB ports, two microphone ports and stereo line-out jacks (one at front and one at rear panel) and a stereo line-in Jack. The system can accommodate extra peripheral equipment through those I/O ports.

Your system can also support an optional high-speed fax/data modem or an additional LAN (local area network) card.

Furthermore, the system is compatible with Windows® XP Home, Windows® XP Professional operating systems.

Necessary to know before Setup

Prior to setting up your Aspire T120 System:

- Select a location
- Open package

Select location

Selecting the optimum location for your computer:

- Don't place the system too close to other electrical equipment.
- Don't place the system in high traffic areas or where the power cord or other cords may be stepped on.
- Avoid placing the system in any location that is excessively dusty or damp.

Open package

Open the package carefully and keep all packing materials for later use.

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Ensure that all items are present and in good condition. If any of the following items are missing or appear damaged, contact your dealer immediately.

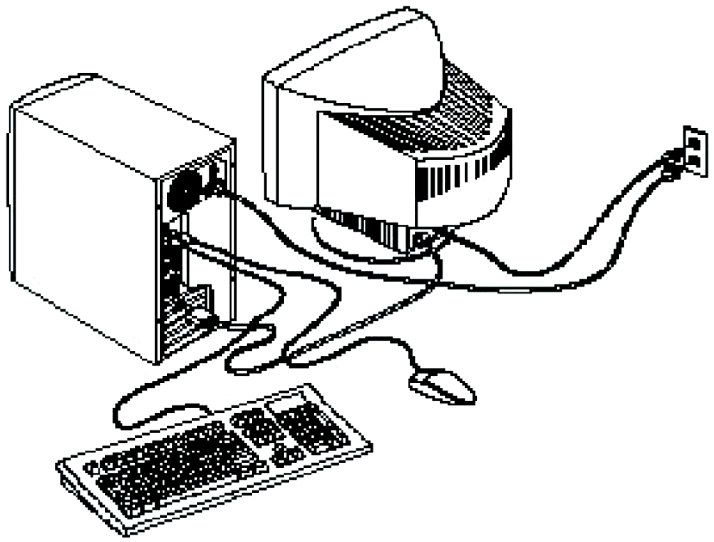
- Aspire T120 Series
- PS/2 or USB keyboard (manufacturing option)
- PS/2 or USB mouse (manufacturing option)
- Spearkers (for selected models only)
- User's Guide and Starter poster

Other user documentation and third party software.

Connecting the peripherals

Note: Don't connect system power cord before connecting all peripherals to the system.

After everything is connected, plug the power cord into the system and insert the other end into a power outlet.



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Starting your computer

After connecting all the peripheral equipment, start your computer according to the below steps:

1 Power on all peripheral equipment, such as monitor, printer, fax, speakers etc.

2 Turn on the system. Once the start-up process is complete, you can begin to use the computer.

Shutting down your computer

From the "Start" Menu, select "Shut Down" and click OK.

In the event of a system crash, press and hold the power button on the front of the system for four seconds. After the system has shut down, turn off all peripheral devices.

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Troubleshooting

The following questions are possible situations that may arise during the use of your computer and each is followed by simple answers and solutions to the situation.

Q: I pressed the power switch but the system did not boot up.

A: Check the LED located above the power switch.

If the LED is not lit, no power is being applied to the system. Do any of the following:

- Check if the voltage selector switch located on the rear panel of the computer is set to the correct voltage.
- Check if you properly plugged the power cable into an electrical outlet.
- If you are using a power strip or AVR, make sure that it is plugged in and turned on.

If the LED is lit, check the following:

- Is a non bootable (non system) diskette in the floppy drive? If yes, remove or replace it with a system diskette and press Ctrl + Alt + Del to restart your computer.

Q: Nothing appears on the screen.

A: Your computer's power management function automatically blanks the screen to save power. Press any key to turn the display back on.

If pressing a key does not work, your computer. If restarting your computer does not work, contact your dealer or the technical support center for assistance.

Q: The printer does not work.

A: Do the following:

- Make sure that the printer is connected to a power outlet and that it is turned on.
- Make sure that the printer cable is connected securely to the system's parallel port and the corresponding port on the printer.
- For additional information concerning the printer, refer to the printer's documentation.

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Q: No sound comes out from the speakers.

A: Check the following:

- The volume may be muted. Look for the Volume icon on the taskbar. If it is crossed-out, click on the icon and deselect the Mute option. You can also press the volume control/mute knob on your USB keyboard to toggle the mute function.
- If headphones, earphones, or external speakers are connected to the line-out jack of your computer, the internal or built-in speakers are automatically turned off.

Q: System cannot read diskette, hard disk, CD or DVD information.

A: Check the following:

- Make sure that you are using the correct type of media.
- Check if the diskette is formatted correctly. If not, format it again.

Caution: If you reformat a diskette, you will lose any data on it.

Make sure the diskette, CD or DVD is inserted into the drive correctly.

- Check if the CD or DVD is clean and not scratched.
- Check your drive by using a good (i.e., undamaged) diskette or a good disc. If your floppy drive, CD or DVD drive can not read the information on the good diskette, CD or DVD there may be a problem with the drive. Contact your dealer or technical support center for assistance.

Q: System cannot write diskette, hard disk or disc.

A: Check the following:

- Make sure the media is not write-protected.
- Make sure that you are using the correct type of diskette. Check if the diskette is formatted correctly. If not, format it again.

Caution: If you reformat a diskette, you will lose any data on it.

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Taking Care of your computer

Please read the important instructions listed in this section. Following these instructions will help you maximize the durability of your computer.

Important tips

- Do not expose the computer to direct sunlight. Do not place it near sources of heat, such as a radiator.
- Do not subject the computer to magnetic fields.
- Do not expose the computer to rain or moisture.
- Do not spill water on the computer.
- Do not subject the computer to heavy shock or vibration.
- Do not expose the computer to dust and dirt.
- Never place the system on uneven surfaces.
- Do not step on the power cord or place heavy objects on top of it. Carefully route the power cord and any cables away from personal traffic.
- When unplugging the power cord, do not pull on the cord itself but pull on the plug.
- The total ampere rating of the equipment plugged in should not exceed the ampere rating of the cord if you are using an extension cord. Also, the total current rating of all equipment plugged into a single wall outlet should not exceed the fuse rating.
- Check the documentation that came with your software programs to see if you can select other combinations of resolution and color. These adjustments could make viewing the screen more comfortable.

Cleaning and servicing

To clean your computer and keyboard

1 Turn off the computer and unplug the power cord.

2 Use a soft cloth moistened with water and gently wipe the exterior of the computer and the keyboard. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners.

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To clean your pointing device

To clean your mouse (with rubber ball)

1 Open the circular cover underneath the mouse.

2 Take out the rubber ball and wipe it with a soft, damp cloth.

3 Put the ball back and replace the cover.

To clean your optical mouse

For users of an optical mouse, refer to the documentation that came with your mouse for maintenance instructions.

To clean your monitor

Make sure that you keep your screen clean. For cleaning instructions, refer to the documentation that came with your monitor.

When to contact a service technician

- If you dropped and damaged the computer.
- If liquid has been spilled into the computer.
- If the computer is not operating normally.

Asking for technical assistance

For technical assistance, contact your local dealer or distributor. You may also access the Acer Web site (www.acersupport.com) for information on how and where to contact the service centers available in your area.

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